



Universal Service Administrative Company
Schools & Libraries Division

Administrator's Decision on Waiver Request

August 21, 2001

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Re: Your Request for Waiver of Application Window For Program Year 4 2001-2002

Application Number: 258861 - *Monthly Phone Service*

Date Request Received: August 13, 2001

The Schools and Libraries Division received your request, cited above, for a waiver of the application window deadline for the Schools and Libraries Universal Service Support Mechanism (E-Rate).

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August 29, 2001

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In the matter of: Request for Review by Roy Wright of Decision of
Universal Service Administrator

FCC Docket Nos. 97-21 and 96-45

Dear Sir or Madam:

The Texas School for the Blind and Visually Impaired submitted a request for funding to the Schools and Libraries Division of the Universal Service Administrative Company on January 18, 2001. We requested funding in Year 4 (July 1, 2001-June 30, 2002) for eight programs. On August 6, 2001 we were informed via postcard (Exhibit A) by the Schools and Libraries Division that seven of these programs were rejected for funding because we did not meet the filing deadline of January 18, 2001. We appealed this decision to Schools and Libraries on August 9, 2001 and supplied the certified letter receipt showing that we had met the filing deadline (Exhibits B & C). The appeal was rejected via letter on August 21, 2001 (Exhibit D). Schools and Libraries believed we were asking for a waiver of the filing deadline of January 18th, which Schools and Libraries said was a violation of FCC regulations. However, we were not asking for a waiver, but that our Form 471's be accepted as having been postmarked by the filing deadline.

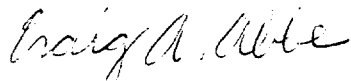
Respectfully,

Craig A. Abbe

I called the Technical Client Services Bureau of the Schools and Libraries Division on August 29, 2001 and spoke to Mr. Roger Pfeifer. He informed me that the Schools and Libraries Division mistakenly assigned the attachments, which detailed our monthly expenditures and provided contractor bids for each of our eight projects, to only one Form 471 Application Number (Form 471 Application Number 256378). However, we had already appealed to the Schools and Libraries Division on August 9th and were unable to appeal again. Mr. Pfeifer instructed me to appeal to the FCC and request that the Schools and Libraries Division be allowed to correct their mistake.

Pursuant to regulation 54.719 the Texas School for the Blind and Visually Impaired respectfully requests that the Federal Communications Commission remand this issue back to the Schools and Libraries Division of the Universal Service Administrative Company. We ask that we be allowed to supply the appropriate attachments to the Schools and Libraries Division for our eight Form 471's and thus secure funding of our programs in Year 4. We believe that this was a simple administrative error made by a staff member of the Schools and Libraries Division and can be corrected by providing the appropriate attachments to our original Form 471's. Please allow this issue to be corrected. For your information, the relevant Form 471 numbers that were the subject of our appeal on August 9th are as follows: 258663, 257914, 259018, 257313, 258861, 258456, and 258571. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Craig A. Abbe".

Craig A. Abbe
Administrative Technician II

Exhibit A
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ATTENTION:
2001-2002 E-RATE APPLICANTS

MAILING DATE:
August 6, 2001

Applicant Form Identifier: Monthly Phone Service

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ATTENTION:
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Applicant Form Identifier: Video Multicast

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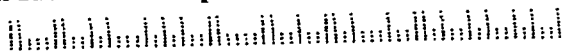


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ATTENTION:
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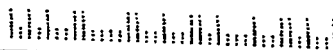
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Applicant Form Identifier: Primary Rate Interface Ci

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ATTENTION:
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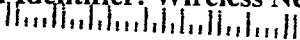
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ATTENTION:
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MAILING DATE:
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Applicant Form Identifier: Wireless Networking



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ATTENTION:
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Applicant Form Identifier: T1 Reimbursement

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Total Postage & Fees	\$ 5.63

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PS Form 3800, July 1999 See Reverse for Instructions

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 C. Signature: Jan. 22, 01
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PS Form 3811, July 1999 Domestic Return Receipt 102595-00-M-0952

471 Application # 258663

Exhibit C

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Letter of Appeal
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Dear Sir or Madam:

The Texas School for the Blind and Visually Impaired would like to formally appeal the rejection of our Form 471 we submitted on 1/18/01 for Funding Request Number 0000650706 (T1 Reimbursement). We were notified by the Schools and Libraries Division, via postcard on 8/6/01, that this form was postmarked after the 2001-2002 filing window closed at 11:59 p.m. ET on January 18, 2001.

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Sincerely,

Craig A. Abbe

• 471 Application #: 257914

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Dear Sir or Madam:

The Texas School for the Blind and Visually Impaired would like to formally appeal the rejection of our Form 471 we submitted on 1/18/01 for Funding Request Number 0000647338 (Wireless Networking). We were notified by the Schools and Libraries Division, via postcard on 8/6/01, that this form was postmarked after the 2001-2002 filing window closed at 11:59 p.m. ET on January 18, 2001.

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471 Application #: 259018

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Dear Sir or Madam:

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471 Application #1257313

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Dear Sir or Madam:

The Texas School for the Blind and Visually Impaired would like to formally appeal the rejection of our Form 471 we submitted on 1/18/01 for Funding Request Number 0000646026 (Expand Internal Network Connections). We were notified by the Schools and Libraries Division, via postcard on 8/6/01, that this form was postmarked after the 2001-2002 filing window closed at 11:59 p.m. ET on January 18, 2001.

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471 Application #1258861

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Form 471 Application # 258456

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471 Application #: 258571

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Application Number: 258663 *T-1 Reimbursement*

Date Request Received: August 13, 2001

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Application Number: 257914 - *wireless Networking*

Date Request Received: August 13, 2001

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Date Request Received: August 13, 2001

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The Federal Communications Commission (FCC) rules do not permit the Schools and Libraries Division (SLD) to consider your request. Therefore, your request for a waiver of the application window deadline may not be considered by SLD. If you wish to appeal this decision, you may submit an appeal to the FCC at the following address:

**Federal Communications Commission
Office of the Secretary
445 12th Street, S.W.
Room TW-A325
Washington, DC 20554**

You must file an appeal with the FCC no later than 30 days from the date of this letter, in order for your appeal to be considered by the FCC.

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